

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 810

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Helen Abbott on her receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.6 million Tennessee volunteers give over 137 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.3 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, Helen Abbott is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of her laudable commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Abbott worked as a nurse for forty years, in which capacity she earned the respect and admiration of her patients and peers alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, active in her community, she has served at Chilhowee View Community Center since 1987; having previously served as a member of the board, she currently serves as treasurer. Additionally, she served as interim treasurer for Rocky Branch Community Center and completed a full term on the Blount County Community Action board and a year as president; and

WHEREAS, generous of spirit, Helen Abbott has volunteered as a school nurse at Walland Elementary School, Hubbard Elementary School, and Chilhowee View Elementary

School; she serves as the volunteer auxiliary senior health person for Blount Memorial Hospital;
and

WHEREAS, Helen Abbott is a model citizen; her commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Helen Abbott for her outstanding community leadership, congratulate her as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.